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LUNAR ORBITER
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation has decided to launch a Lunar Orbiter;

(b) if so, whether the ISRO is actively considering a baseline approach of launching aLunar Orbiter that can be placed in the polar orbit about 100 km. above the surface of the moon;

(c) if so, the main purpose of this Lunar Orbiter; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIS OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) No, Sir. A decision on launching a Lunar Orbiter will be taken only after LunarMission Task Force Constituted by ISRO concludes its studies on the various possibilities for undertaking a scientific mission to the moon.

(b),(c) & (d) Do not arise.